

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR DON KNABE

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On September 5, 2000, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Deputy, Michael Schaap was shot and injured while on routine patrol with his partner, Deputy David Timberlake. The Deputies attempted to stop a Chevrolet van for vehicle code violations when one of the suspects quickly exited the vehicle armed with an assault rifle and, without warning or provocation began shooting at both Deputies. Deputy Timberlake managed to escape injury; however, Deputy Schaap was struck in the head and underwent surgery to remove bullet fragments from his brain. Although Deputy Schaap survived the shooting, he is still suffering from significant medical complications. The suspect identified by the Los Angeles Sheriff Department as Emigdio Preciado, fled to Mexico and is still outstanding. Investigators believe the suspect is traveling back and forth between both countries visiting relatives and friends.

On June 21, 2001, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors authorized a \$10,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of suspect Preciado; the reward has remained the same since the onset of the investigation. During the past

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six years, investigators have worked very closely with citizen informants, community leaders, and community oriented policing teams. Additionally, the investigation was featured on "America's Most Wanted" television show on three separate occasions. As of this date, their efforts have not succeeded. Currently, investigators have exhausted all conventional investigative techniques in an attempt to locate and apprehend suspect Preciado.

It was then the opinion of the investigators that the case had reached the point where a substantial increase to the \$10,000 reward may be the only way to locate and capture Suspect Preciado. The increase would hopefully prompt individuals, possibly family members familiar with the incident to come forward and provide information as to the whereabouts of the suspect, thus, leading to his arrest. In March 2007, the Board of Supervisors approved a motion to increase the reward from 10,000 to \$50,000, which expired on May 6, 2008. And then again on March 17, 2009, the Board of Supervisors approved a motion re-establishing a \$50,000 reward. The Los Angeles Sheriff's Homicide Bureau is respectfully requesting that the previous reward in the amount of \$50,000 be extended.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors extends the reward of \$50,000 dollars for the information leading to the arrest of Emigdio Preciado of this heinous crime.

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